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In re Patent Application of:  
Walter Dennis Robertson III

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For: Valve Assembly

Examiner: Hogan, James Sean

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.